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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

July 8, TAU-HAI, Chinese steam-dredger, 1,500'.  
B. Dihse, Steamer and Singapore 26th June.  
July 8, THAMES, British steamer, 820, T. G.  
Pocock, Foochow 27th June, Taiwan 6th July, and July 7th, General—DOUGLAS  
LAPRAK & Co.  
July 9, PING-PO, British steamer, 574, A. A.  
McCaslin, Pakho 4th July, and Hoochow  
6th, General—RUSSELL & Co.  
July 9, DARING, British gunboat, from Canton.  
July 9, YANKEE, British steamer, 783, Schuylkill  
Canton 9th July, General—SHEPPARD &  
Co.  
July 9, SAINTS, French steamer, 323, Levant,  
Hainan 5th July, General—A. R. MAR-  
TT.  
July 9, HOWHOU, British steamer, 390, T. Clegh.  
Swatow 8th July, General—BUTTERFIELD  
& SWIRE.  
July 9, WENTWORTH, British steamer, 876, J.  
Brown, Suijan 5th July, General—ARM-  
HOLM, KARBERG & Co.  
July 9, MONGRU, British steamer, 688, P. H.  
Loft, Bangkok 23rd June, and Hoochow 6th  
July, General—YUEN FAZ HONG.  
July 9, DON JUAN, British steamer, 616, J. M.  
MARGUER, Amoy 8th July, General—ERAN-  
DAO & Co.  
July 9, PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer,  
1,011, Henry Stratton, Bangkok 2nd July,  
Rice and General—YUEN FAZ HONG.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,  
9TH JULY.

Dubay, German str., for Singapore.  
Fusin, British str., for Shanghai.

Naples, British str., for Port Darwin.

Catterham, British str., for Port Darwin.

W. H. Honegger, German bark, for Whampoa.

Minavar, British str., for Kuching.

### DEPARTURES.

July 9, ANTON, German steamer, for Hoikow.  
July 9, DUBAY, German str., for Singapore.

July 9, FOSHU, British str., for Shanghai.

July 9, CATTERHAM, British str., for Adelaide.

July 9, MARINER, Italian bark, for Bangkok.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For THOMAS, str., from East Coast—4 Chinese.  
For Ping-pon, str., from Pakho, 26—16 Chi-  
nese.

For Hoochow, str., from Swatow.—One French  
Missionary, and 106 Chinese.

For Vorther, str., from Saigon.—38 Chinese.

For Don Juan, str., from Amoy.—184 Chinese.

For Mongku, str., from Bangkok, &c.—80  
Chinese.

For Phra Chom Kla, str., from Bangkok.—  
89 Chinese.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer *Holloway* reports left Swatow on the 8th inst., and had moderate  
F.R.E. winds and fine clear weather  
throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Vorther* reports left  
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and Southerly winds until the 7th; strong S.E.  
winds with rain until the 9th, and strong S.E.  
winds into port.

The British steamer *Phra Chom Kla* reports  
from Kuching to Purasat on the 7th, and  
is now at the port of Kuching. On the 8th, S.E. gales  
and rain with a high cross sea, and very  
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## NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.  
A. FAMILY AND DISPENSING  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of EDINBURGH,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS  
PERFUMERS,  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDAYMEN,  
GENERATED WATER MAKERS,  
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHEMISTS REFINED  
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Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

The composite sloop *Daring*, Commander Ching, arrived here yesterday morning from Canton.

HONGKONG, JULY 10TH, 1884.

The Franco-Chinese imbroglio has evidently become more complicated than before the Tientsin Convention was signed, and to outward seeming appears farther from settlement. The reports and rumours current are of a contradictory character, and it is difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. *Numquam ad liquidam fames perduicere*, and groping among a host of rumours, we find it well nigh impossible to form any positive opinion as to the chances of war or peace. It is evident that the French are considerably exasperated by what they consider the treachery of the Chinese at Langson. If it is true, as alleged by our Shanghai morning contemporary, that definite dates were fixed, by a separate convention, for the evacuation by the Chinese garrisons of certain posts in Tonquin, including Langson; that that town was not evacuated several days after the date fixed; and that the French column despatched to garrison it the 7th inst., it is very certain that the French Government consider Chinese perfidy proved and intend to insist upon an indemnity. The Paris papers name ten millions sterling as the amount that will be demanded. Even this sum, though only half that first mentioned by Reuter, seems to us very large, we may say excessive—at all events when compared with all previous indemnities exacted from China. Perhaps, like the Chinese war preparations, it may turn out that it is not meant, or rather that the amount will be reduced. The Viceroy of Chihli, whom we believe to be innocent of complicity in the breach of faith involved in the Langson affair, has asked for assistance in the forthcoming negotiations with the French Minister. He evidently feels the gravity of the situation, and doubtless recoils from an undivided responsibility. For this one can blame the Viceroy, more especially when the numbers and influence of his enemies are considered. We trust that moderation and mutual conciliation will rule during the negotiations, in order that some agreement may be arrived at, by which war may be averted. Meantime, on both sides preparations for a conflict are actively going on. The Chinese in Shanghai assert that secret decess of an energetic nature have been issued by the Empress, ordering the despatch of troops to garrison the southern frontier and the adoption of prompt measures of defence wherever needed, and the recent movements of troops here out the statement. But while there is no proof that the mandarins' views that peace is preferable to war, there is nothing to show that the war preparations now going on are anything but precautionary measures in case negotiations fall through. Of course some high official is to blame, just as was the case in the Yunnan outrage when poor MARGAUX was so ruthlessly murdered—rumour points to the Viceroy of Yunnan—and the French Government should insist upon the punishment of the party or parties responsible for the attack on the French troops, always provided that it is possible to secure proofs of guilt. Indeed, it is in the interests of the Chinese Government that they should disavow the act, if they can conscientiously do so, and inflict condign punishment on its authors.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Company, Limited, has held its first annual meeting, and the public have been placed in possession of information as to the state of the works and the intentions of the company as to the mode of conducting business. The laundry, a substantial building situated at Bowring-street, is rapidly approaching completion, and two months' time the Directors hope to commence operations. The Chairman, at the meeting on Monday, said they did not expect to make very large profits, but the laundry had been a long time want and he hoped the public would accord it their support. This hope, we sincerely trust, will not be disappointed, and that although the profits may not reach remarkable proportions they will yet be sufficient to reward a very fair interest on the capital invested. Few people, we think, will be found to give their washing to the laundry when they have available a laundry under skilled European management, with security against destruction of the clothes and against contamination by unwholesome surroundings or improper use. The laundry usually bring home the things looking clean and bright, but everyone

knows how soon the native mode of washing wears them out, while very unavailing tales are told of the uses to which they are put between the time they leave their owner's house and that of their return. We have not heard that the Hongkong dybics use the clothes committed to their care, as the Singapore men are said to do, in connection with ceremonial over the bodies of the dead friends, but it has always been supposed that the washermen are in the habit of wearing their masters' pyjamas, and that needy persons whose wardrobe is of little extent can afford the clothes. The exception is the case of shooting against the Indian watchman at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. Mr. Caldwell appeared on a somewhat similar character to that which has been already published. Other Chinese have been known to do the same, but to keep a guard of honour in connection with religious observances of Christians is not without some significance.

There was a large number of cases before the Court, and in all but with the exception of one named case, all were of a very trivial and unimportant character, none being of special mention. The exception is the case of shooting against the Indian watchman at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. Mr. Caldwell appeared on a somewhat similar character to that which has been already published. Other Chinese have been known to do the same, but to keep a guard of honour in connection with religious observances of Christians is not without some significance.

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After some desultory conversation the meeting terminated.

Rev. Dr. CHALMERS thanked the members and shareholders, on behalf of the Chinese Church, for having allowed them to meet in the building free of charge. He said the resolution which had come to the meeting of the Chinese Church was to make the Chinese Bishop of Chekiang, but that they formulated an official guard, which appears to have been of the nature of a guard of honour, and that the Chinese Bishop was the only one who had been appointed to make. Possibly if the members and shareholders would combine to grant them the use of the building they would be willing to pay the ground rent, insurance, and the wages of the officials in charge. He expressed his extreme regret at the closing of the church, which had been affected him like the death of a friend, but he remained to the end.

The SECRETARY said the place could be closed for the defence, and further evidence was taken that the trustees then acquired supreme control.

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SUPREME COURT

JULY 8TH.

IN SUMMARY JUDICATURE.

BEFORE THE HON. J. RUSSELL, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.

F. CURRAN V. C. SAWYER, \$129, AND A. CAMERON V. SAME, \$127.

The defendant is a captain of the American ship *Widow*, and the claimants are members of his crew. The claimants brought an action against the captain of the vessel for wages.

CHARLES THOMSON, NORODOM, DONS OF PHNOM-PENH THE 17TH JUNE, 1883.

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MACAO.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

6TH JULY.

For the last few days this City has been lively. The four days' procession in honour of the God of War has been carried on most successfully by the Chinese.

His Lordship asked the plaintiffs why they

had not gone to their Consul about the case in the ordinary way.

They had better go to the Consul, whose business it was to deal with such

matters, he said.

It was a question of wages be-

tween the captain and the crew.

His Lordship advised the

plaintiffs to decide as they knew very

well the claim against the defendant would be dismissed.

He then asked the captain to

find out from his house if rats were

there, upon purchased some poison, and after the mem-

bers of his household had put the poison

with some raw rice which he placed in a basin on a table.

Unfortunately he overate

himself the next morning, and in the meantime

the cook made a basin of rice for him.

He was then advised to go to the

Chinese Consul for advice.

CHARLES THOMSON, NORODOM.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

Cholera has broken out at Toulon. Great

alarm.

THE CAMBODIAN CONVENTION.

The Cambodian Convention has produced a good effect.

PROBABLE LOSS OF THE BRITISH STEAMER "KREMLIN."

The British steamer *Ping-pon*, which arrived

from the 2nd ult., engineers

on board the steamer *Kremlin*, disabled and proceeded

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

## INSURANCES.

THE MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
156 & 158, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

SALES TO DAY HAVE BEEN:—75 cheques New Patna at \$552; 5 cheques Old Patna, (bottom cheques) at \$557; 3 cheques New Banaras at \$550; 15 cheques Old Banaras at \$550, with allowance of 6 catties. Quotations are:

Malwa (New) ..... \$540 allec. 50 cents per pol.  
Malwa (Old) ..... 502 .....  
Patna (New) ..... 524 to 535 per cent.  
Patna (Old) ..... 575 to 577 .....  
Benares (New) ..... 580 .....  
EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, 3.92;  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3.93;  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3.93;  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3.94;  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3.94;

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand, 4.06;  
Credit, at 4 months' sight, 4.76;  
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2.27;  
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2.27;

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight, 7.31;  
Private, 30 days' sight, 7.31;

SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—121 per cent. premium.

United Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$550 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$53 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,400 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 135 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$180 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$85 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$30 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$30 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—2.5 per cent. Premium. Sellers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—\$11 per share. Buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—2.75 per cent. discount. Sellers.

China and Manoa Steamship Company, Limited—2.5 per cent. discount.

Bogong Steamship Company, Limited—Per cent. nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$84 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$145 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company—Only—118 per cent. premium.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$88 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$140 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$75 per share.

Salangor Tin Mining Company—\$500 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 33 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. per an-

year.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & CO., LTD.)

July 9th.

Temperature—A.M. 70.5; P.M. 70.5; Mean 70.5.

Barometer—74.9; Pressure 30.03; Wind 1.5.

Thermometer—7.5; Hygrometer 75.

